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## THE BELT OVERCOAT



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## FORTUNE TO HIS FRIENDS

Wealthy New York Recluse Remembers Those Who Helped Him in His Youth.

### MILLION DOLLAR BEQUEST

Woman Who Cared For Him in His Old Age Gets All of the Property Amassed During His Life.

New York, Dec. 8.—Gilt-edged securities of the value of \$793,000 have been taken from a safety deposit box by attorneys for the heirs of Maximilian Hershel, an aged recluse and member of the stock exchange, who died in St. Luke's hospital last July. Ninety-three additional bonds bring the value of the hoard up to \$250,000.

Just before he died Hershel announced in the presence of witnesses that he wished all his property to be turned over to Mrs. William Georgi, of Brooklyn, daughter of a couple who had befriended him in his youth and who had made his declining years comfortable by numerous attentions, not knowing of his great wealth.

Mrs. Georgi attended him in his dying moments, little dreaming that she was heiress to \$1,000,000. Four of the old man's relatives were living in Germany, it was found, and Mrs. Georgi declared that the property should be equally divided, so far as she was concerned. Attorneys for both sides arranged this and the estate will be divided up at the end of six months into five equal parts. The heirs living in Germany were unknown to Hershel. They were found through advertising, but proved their relationship, and Mrs. Georgi evinced no desire to keep them from sharing her good fortune.

Some delay was experienced in securing permission to open the safety deposit boxes held in Hershel's name. This has just been done, and disclosed property far beyond the expectations of the heirs.

Hershel emigrated from Germany 40 years ago. On the steamer he met Mrs. Georgi's parents. They were just married and were seeking a home in America. The three became great friends, the young German being aided by the couple to the best of their limited means. Arriving here, Hershel engaged in the tobacco trade and rapidly achieved success. Then he joined the stock exchange and continued to amass money, but none thought he was wealthy when he retired from the street several years ago and became a recluse. Mrs. Georgi, daughter of his boyhood friends, took her place in looking after him in his old age, as they had done for him in youth, and on his deathbed, unable to make a will, he called witnesses and verbally left her his estate.

### HERBERT SPENCER IS DEAD

Famous Author Passes Away at His Brighton Home.

London, Dec. 8.—Herbert Spencer, the famous author, died this morning at his home in Brighton. His health had been falling for some months. The illness took acritical turn a few days ago and he became unconscious last night, passing away without pain.

By his own desire, the least possible information was given out during Mr. Spencer's illness. He was born in 1820.

### TERMS OF THE NEW TREATY

Chinese-American Agreement Being Taken to Washington.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Bearing the official copy of the new commercial treaty between the United States and China—a treaty expected to add millions of dollars to the commerce of this country—John Goodnow, United States consul general at Shanghai, ranking first in the government service below Mr. Conger, has arrived at Chicago. He is on his way to Washington, after which he expects to spend several weeks at his residence in Minneapolis. He had

been in China six years.

The most important provisions of the new treaty are:

Abolition of local transportation taxes on American importations.

Consideration of an advance in the import duty of from 5 to 12½ per cent.

New mining laws on the basis of those in the United States.

A national currency for China.

Minister Conger, Mr. Goodnow and J. E. Seaman were the United States commissioners who drafted the treaty.

It was signed October 5 and needs only ratification by the United States senate to become effective.

### FORBES AND ATTELL TO MEET.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Harry Forbes and Abe Attell have been matched to meet in a contest which will be billed as "for the legitimate featherweight championship." They will meet on December 17 before the West End Athletic Club of St. Louis, and will contest 20 rounds for a purse of \$1500.

## Commercial Club Officers

B. J. Pye Selected as President and W. O. Wilkinson and C. H. Abercrombie Directors.

President—B. J. Pye.  
First Vice-president—A. S. Tee.  
Second Vice-president—Herman Wise  
Secretary—H. L. Knight.  
Treasurer—J. E. Higgins.  
Directors—W. O. Wilkinson and Charles Abercrombie.

The annual election of officers of the Astoria Commercial Club was held last evening, with the result above noted. There was a large attendance of members and considerable interest was manifested. The election proved a popular one, and there will be renewed interest in the work which the club has been so successfully carrying on—the mental and physical training of the young men of the city.

President Scherneckau is in the Dalles on business and did not preside last night. However, a letter was read from him, thanking the club members for the honor which they had shown him in the past, and expressing the wish that some other man be selected for the position of president. Mr. Scherneckau is now completing his third term and feels that he has done his duty towards the club. His intention had been known for some time, and there was an almost unanimous desire that Mr. Pye be chosen as his successor. Last night this feeling was manifested before the meeting was called to order, and when Mr. Pye's name was offered he was unanimously chosen.

Messrs. Wilkinson and Abercrombie were popular candidates for members of the directorate, and it is felt that their addition to the board will put new life into that hard-working body. Both gentlemen are well up in athletics and will prove valuable directors.

At the general meeting Captain Geo. C. Flavel was elected to honorary membership, a distinction that has not heretofore been conferred upon any individual. Captain Flavel has been very kind to the club during its early struggles and honorary membership was in the nature of a manifestation of appreciation.

The secretary had received a proposal from the Stanford university glee club looking to the holding here of an entertainment under the auspices of the club. It was decided to accept the proposition, and the entertainment will be given December 29 or 30 at the opera house.

### FOUR HUNDRED COOPERS STRIKE.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Fully four hundred coopers employed at the Union stock yards went on strike today because the packers have refused to grant them \$2.75 a day for shop work and \$3 for packing floor work.

### MISERLY WOMAN KILLED.

New York, Dec. 8.—In the clothing of a woman killed by an express train rushing through Mount Vernon has been found money to the amount of nearly \$2000 in gold and greenbacks. The victim was identified as Mrs. Mary McCord, of New Rochelle, who was known as a miser. She had been hoarding the money and carrying it about with her for 26 years.

## CZAR WANTS CHANCELLOR

Needs Right Hand Man to Relieve Him of Some of the Duties of State.

### BRIGHT CHANCE FOR WITTE

Pleske Having Come to Grief, the Famous Financier-Statesman May Be Restored to Power.

New York, Dec. 8.—According to news received here from Russian sources, cables the Herald's Berlin correspondent, the newly appointed minister of finance, M. Pleske, having come hopelessly to grief, all indications point to the famous statesman-financier, M. Witte, returning to power, with even more extensive prerogatives than here before.

There appears from what is told that there is such intense rivalry existing between several of the highest authorities in Russia that the question of appointing a chancellor, with power superior to all except the emperor, is once more in the foreground of political possibilities. The name of M. Witte naturally comes up as that of the most likely person to fill the position. The emperor is overwhelmed with work and the constant antagonism of the foremost personages of his empire and their continual appeals to him are said to have led to consideration of appointing a chancellor who would bear the responsibility of arbiter and referee of the various political, diplomatic and military factions, and in turn consult with the emperor on the best and final course to adopt.

It is stated that the emperor has been much impressed by the practical success of Count Von Buelow in relieving the Kaiser from an enormous amount of trouble and worry by his action as a buffer between his majesty and the various heads of departments of all sorts, and, so to speak, dishing all tangled questions of state, political discussions and party rivalries for his master in simple and easy form. The idea appears all the more striking since it has been clearly shown that Count Von

Buelow holds perfect control over the chancellor.

### MISER STARVED HIMSELF TO DEATH.

Dejby, Conn., Dec. 8.—Possessed of \$50,000, all in money, Eugene Crofut, 62 years old, a resident of Huntington, is dead from starvation. The old man had been in falling health for several years from not eating sufficient food, and a month ago, after a fainting fit, his condition became serious. The people of the town tried to send him to the hospital, but he refused all aid.

### SEEK TO SET ASIDE WILL

Heirs of Banker Palmer to Try and Get Fortune.

New York, Dec. 8.—Suit has been instituted by three relatives who seek to set aside the will of the late banker, Francis Asbury Palmer, who bequeathed his entire residuary estate, amounting to \$800,000 or \$900,000, to the Francis Asbury Palmer fund, which was incorporated for the purpose of supporting institutions especially designed for the training of young men for the ministry. Mr. Palmer endowed colleges all over the United States during his latest years, disposing of more than \$5,000,000 in this way. Just before his death he tore up his will, by which his grandniece was to receive the residuary estate, and cut her off because she married a second time without his consent. She did not contest, however. Those seeking to break the will are James Palmer, of Castle Creigh, Cal., a brother, and two nieces in Connecticut.

Neill Thompson, an inmate of the O. K. dance hall on Astor street, got tired of life last night and drank carbolic acid. Dr. Pilkington was summoned and with strong antidotes soon brought the would-be suicide around. This morning the woman was recovering her usual health and by now is doubtless well. She had been drinking heavily and this brought on melancholy that prompted her to make the attempt to end her life. She regretted her rash act immediately when its awful effects began to tell on her and is now glad to be alive.

B. J. Callahan, who is prominent in church circles in Seaside, was in town this morning.

Larry McLaughlin, a business man of Hammond, is in the city.

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